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The Lone Big Sandy Member of Normal Site Commission Gives School to Morehead

Wallen's Vote Lands Plum For Allie Young's Town

End of the Farical Dead lock Reached at Lexington Last Saturday.

At Lexington last Saturday the Normal School Commission on the fifth ballot selected Morehead as the site for the Eastern Normal School. The five appointees of Speaker Thompson, currently reported to have been kindly suggested by Judge Allie W. Young, of Morehead, stood solidly for the county seat of Rowan, as previously "doped out." W. S. Wallen, Big Sandy member of the commission, cast the deciding vote in favor of Morehead.

The final vote follows:
Morehead—O'Roar, Goodpastor, Seaff, Combs, Wallen.
Palmetto—Peter, Barret and Harman.

Louisa received votes on some of the ballots at the previous meeting, and Mr. Harman proposed various compromises at the last meeting in an effort to land a Big Sandy city. Wallen never voted for Louisa, so far as we can learn.

Judge Young was in Lexington when the schedule went through. He said it was the first time he had been present at a meeting of the commission.

The property offered by Morehead contains no buildings fit for use by a school of this kind, except as a temporary makeshift. Morehead has no waterworks, no improved streets, no sewers, nothing to recommend it as a school town. The questionnaire sent out last May indicated that all these and other qualifications were necessary to remain in the race. The inadequacy of that document was demonstrated at the Lexington meeting, June 7th. Only two cities were able to meet the conditions set forth therein, and they were the first to be eliminated. But, of course, in the light of developments all this was simply "a delusion and a snare" any way.

A Protest Meeting
The Ashland Chamber of Commerce called a meeting Monday to discuss the situation. There were citizens present from other counties. After discussion it was decided to start a movement to petition Gov. Morrow to call the Legislature into extra session to repeal or amend the act that created the Normal School Commission. Resolutions were adopted to this effect.

A strong telegram was received from Prestonburg expressing in strong terms their approval of the protest movement. It was signed by Judge Hill, Clerk Hatcher and Stephens, and others.

Prof. W. B. Ward and County Superintendent Head of Johnson county were present. Mr. Ward read a very strong paper condemning Wallen and O'Roar.

Conflict With Education Board.

The Normal Site Commission also wants to name the faculty for the new schools, a function generally believed to rest with the State Board of Education. At the Lexington meeting R. P. Green was chosen as head of the Murray school. About the same hour the Education Board at Frankfort named John W. Carr for the same position. It now seems certain that this matter will be settled in the courts.

Gov. Morrow is considering the proposition of calling a special session of the Legislature.

Allie Young's Statement.

After the Lexington meeting Judge Allie Young gave out a lengthy statement which is a laborious effort to defend the commission, Morehead and himself.

One of his statements is as follows:

"I have not been in Frankfort during a session of the Legislature for the last four years. Last winter I was in the north during the entire winter and the bill was passed long before I came back to Kentucky."

Two members of a committee sent from Louisa to Frankfort while the Legislature was in session, and a short time before Thompson announced his famous quintette, state positively that Young was at the Lafayette Hotel in Lexington at that time being visited by emissaries very frequently. They say they were at that hotel themselves and know this to be a fact.

A BIT OF HISTORY

Going back to the beginning of this State Normal School proposition we find the recommendation for two schools first made by an educational survey commission provided for by an act of the 1920 Legislature, passed upon the suggestion of State Superintendent George Colvin. It said one of these two schools probably should be located in the Big Sandy valley. Following this lead, the Big Sandy members of the General Assembly prepared bills carrying out the suggestion, but soon found members from other districts who demanded that the bill allow more scope

for the selection of a site, making necessary the substitution of "Eastern Kentucky" for Big Sandy valley. After a hard fight the bill was passed, carrying an amendment taking the selection of a site out of the hands of the State Board of Education, and providing for a special commission of eight men, five appointed by the Speaker of the House and three by the Lieutenant Governor. Rumors started immediately to the effect that the commission would be packed for Morehead and Murray, based upon facts that indicated the "fine Italian hand" of Allie Young in the mess.

A delegation from various counties had a conference with Speaker James H. Thompson, in which Hon. John E. Buckinham was chief spokesman. He told Mr. Thompson about the Morehead rumor and Mr. Thompson denied that there was any truth in the charge. Also, he said he would appoint no man from either eastern or western Kentucky and that his appointees would be central Kentucky men having no interests and no connections whatever that could be linked up with the sections in which the new schools were to be located.

In a short time he announced the following appointments:
Judge E. C. O'Roar, chosen as associate counsel by Judge Allie Young for two large coal corporations, at a salary said to be \$10,000 per year, work or play. Native of Morgan county, but now of Frankfort.

W. S. Wallen, said to be a local attorney, appointed soon after his nomination for the Legislature, at salary reported at \$1500 or \$1800 per year.

Sherman Goodpastor, secretary of the State Racing Commission at \$10,000 or \$12,000 per year, said to have been appointed at the instance of Allie Young, a member of the commission. Native of Bath county, in Young's judicial district, now resides in Frankfort.

Earl Smith, politician of Mt. Sterling, in Judge Young's district, friend and supporter for many years.

Thos. A. Combs, of Lexington, close political friend of Judge Young.

It is generally charged these appointments were dictated by Allie Young, formerly Circuit Judge of Rowan, Bath and Montgomery counties, member of the State Racing commission, a native of Morehead, atorney for two coal companies at salary reported to be \$25,000 per year. James H. Thompson, of Bourbon county, was supported for Speaker of the House, it is said, by Allie Young, who was able to throw certain votes to him. It is alleged, which he needed to defeat Mr. Smith, a high class man from Bowling Green.

The public is entitled to all facts that have any bearing on this or any other matter involving the manipulation of educational interests of the State.

ROAD OVERSEER IS KILLED IN PIKE

Pikeville, Ky., Nov. 25.—Ferrell Johnson is alleged to have shot and instantly killed James Charles at Zebulon, this county, early this morning. Charles was overseer of the public highway and had gathered a number of men for road work. It is said that Johnson was on his way to dig coal, and on meeting Charles was accused by him of stealing his dynamite. A dispute arose, according to witnesses, in which Charles struck Johnson through the hand with a pick and Johnson immediately shot him three times.

Johnson, who was otherwise injured, was met by the sheriff while on his way to Pikeville to surrender. Charles leaves a large family. Johnson is a former service man, having been in the A. E. F.

U. S. Allots \$40,000 For Work At Hickman

For work at Hickman, Ky., an allotment of \$40,000 has been made by the Mississippi River Commission for river improvements, the city agreeing to pay \$20,000 for the same purpose. It was made known today by Col. G. R. Lukesh, in charge of the United States Engineer's office here, following his return from a river tour with the commission, of which he is a member.

This was the only allotment affecting Kentucky made by the commission, Col. Lukesh said. The party was accompanied on its tour, which lasted for several weeks, by Gen. Lansing Veach, Chief of Engineers of the United States Army.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AWARDED LAST MONDAY

The State Election Commission met in Frankfort Monday for the purpose of canvassing the November election returns and awarding certificates of nomination.

Tells President of Klan's Activities



This picture of Gov. John Parker of Louisiana was taken as he left the White House after telling President Harding of the Ku Klux Klan's amazing growth in size and intentions to control through political power.

WEIGHT IS AUTO LICENSE FACTOR

Sale of '23 Tags to Start December 2; Colors Are Blue and Gray.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 25.—County Clerks of Kentucky will begin the sale of 1923 automobile licenses December 2, according to an announcement made today by N. O. Gray, chief clerk in the Automobile Department here.

All motor vehicles must be equipped with new license tags before the first of the year, he said, and the law calls for the sale to begin one month before the "dead line," according to Mr. Gray.

The license issued by the State of Kentucky this year will be blue and gray. The background will be light gray and the figures and letters will be in bright blue enamel.

Under the law governing motor vehicles passed at the 1922 session of the General Assembly, passenger automobiles will be licensed according to horsepower and weight. Trucks will be licensed in 1923 under the same regulations as in 1922, according to Mr. Gray.

The license plates and all printed matter for use in issuing the 1923 licenses have been distributed by the Automobile Department, and the County Clerks are ready to take care of all applicants.

Mr. Gray said today. The State Tax Commission is preparing a report for the 1923 session of the General Assembly, which will standardize the tax to be assessed against all models of automobiles. In many instances 1923 model automobiles will be taxed differently from previous models of the same brand of cars. These changes will be in the hands of the County Clerks by December 1, according to Ben Marshall, secretary of the commission.

Numbers Are Assigned

The license numbers and the counties in Eastern Kentucky to which they have been assigned follow:
Bath, 6,201 to 7,600; Bell, 7,651 to 7,800; Boone, 12,301 to 13,600; Breathitt, 18,101 to 18,300; Carter, 23,201 to 23,600; Elliott, 39,651 to 39,700; Fayette, 46,051 to 47,000; Fleming, 47,501 to 49,000; Floyd, 49,001 to 49,500; Greenup, 59,651 to 60,400; Harlan, 62,501 to 63,150; Johnson, 109,301 to 101,550; Knott, 106,551 to 106,500; Lawrence, 107,551 to 108,150; Lee, 108,151 to 108,200; Leslie, 108,201 to 108,250; Letcher, 108,251 to 108,450; Lewis, 108,451 to 108,550; Magoffin, 120,051 to 120,100; Martin, 122,301 to 122,350; Morgan, 129,251 to 129,500; Owsley, 138,751 to 138,800; Perry, 138,801 to 138,850; Pike, 138,851 to 138,400; Rowan, 140,601 to 140,850; Wolfe, 150,101 to 150,200.

Thanksgiving Service on Thursday Evening

The Thanksgiving service will be a union one and will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 at the M. E. Church South. Rev. J. D. Brame, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the sermon, the other ministers of the town having part in the service.

The evening hour was selected for this service in order that a greater number might attend than if held in the morning, it being a more convenient time for housekeepers and many others. This is a service in which all the churches unite each year and they extend a cordial invitation to the stranger and every one to attend.

STATE COAL OUTPUT.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Kentucky's production of bituminous coal during 1921 totaled 31,588,270 tons, out of a total national production of 415,951,890 tons, according to statistics made public yesterday by the United States Geological Survey. Indiana produced 20,319,509 tons. The leading State is Pennsylvania with 116,013,942 tons.

EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE NOW BEING CONSIDERED

Governor May Comply With Deluge of Requests to Kill Normal Jobs.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 28.—"If I call a special session of the General Assembly, it will be for the sole and specific purpose of repealing the Normal School Act," Gov. Edwin P. Morrow said late this afternoon after a two-hour conference in the Governor's office with Charles L. Dawson, Attorney General, George Colvin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and John J. Craig, State Auditor.

"The extra session will not be for selecting some other locations for the Normal sites," said Governor Morrow. "It will be to repeal the act, and I shall have definite pledges in advance that the members will adjourn in ten days."

Telegrams Pour In.
Governor Morrow stated that he has received numbers of letters and telegrams from almost every section of the State, protesting against the action of the commission.

He exhibited a telegram from Pike county signed by a large number of citizens, asking for a special session. Governor Morrow was particularly impressed with this message, because Pikeville was not one of the applicants for the school site and the telegram is signed by citizens generally, Democrats and Republicans, ministers, physicians, merchants and representatives of women's organizations.

Superintendent Colvin did not hesitate to say that "neither a special session of the General Assembly nor legal action is beyond the bounds of possibility."

When asked in regard to the location of a school at Morehead, Superintendent Colvin said, "I can only say that there is no real need for a Normal School there. A need does exist for a school in the Sandy Valley. This was recognized by educators and the educational survey found it so."

"The school at Morehead would not relieve that situation in the slightest nor would it serve that territory about the head waters of the Kentucky. Even if it should function successfully within its sphere, it would only defer for many years the establishment of an institution in the Sandy Valley and thus by its very existence do more harm than good for the money expended upon its maintenance."

JUDGE SPARKS PASSES AWAY

Death Relieves Sufferings of Lawrence County Citizen.

The spirit of Judge Mordecai B. Sparks took its flight Wednesday morning of this week, ending the physical suffering that had been his for many weeks. Bright disease and heart trouble was the cause of his illness and death. About four months ago the people of this community and county were shocked when announcement was suddenly made that the County Judge of Lawrence county was dangerously ill. On the family knew previously that the diseases mentioned above had taken hold of him. Since about August first he had been confined to his room. He realized that his case was hopeless and about a month ago sent to the Governor his resignation as County Judge. Only last November he was elected to that office by perhaps the largest majority ever given a candidate for judge in this county.

The funeral was held at the residence and the body was taken to the old family burial ground at Martha. The family have known that the diseases mentioned above had taken hold of him. Since about August first he had been confined to his room. He realized that his case was hopeless and about a month ago sent to the Governor his resignation as County Judge. Only last November he was elected to that office by perhaps the largest majority ever given a candidate for judge in this county.

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Mr. Moore was a native of Lawrence county and had been a merchant throughout his business career. He moved to Carter county several years ago, where he established a successful business.

Mr. Moore was a man of integrity and possessed many good qualities. Lawrence county friends and relatives will be grieved to learn of his death.

Mrs. Jennie Rose Dies In Sedalia, Missouri

A letter from Harry Sammons, of Sedalia, Mo., states that Mrs. Jim Rose died at her home there last Saturday. Mr. Rose and family lived in Louisa several years ago, but have resided at Sedalia for some time.

She was about fifty-five years of age and is survived by her husband, three sons and one daughter. She has a number of relatives and friends living in this community.

LAWRENCE AND LEWIS SETTLE WITH TREASURER

Sheriffs of Lewis and Lawrence counties settled with Auditor John J. Craig and received a quietus for taxes. S. F. Lykins of Lewis county, paid \$19,119 into the State treasury and J. W. Young, of Lawrence county, paid in \$22,850.

Henry Ford May Purchase the Great Elk Horn Coal Property in Sandy Valley



OIL PRODUCTION IN U. S. BOOMS

World Production of Nearly Ten Billion Barrels in Past Year is Announced.

Washington, Nov. 24.—World production of petroleum in the 95 years 1857 to 1921, inclusive, aggregated 9,511,997,000 barrels of 42 gallons each, the geological survey announces. The United States, largest producer of petroleum in the world supplied 5,922,651,000 barrels or 62.1 percent of the total. Russia second largest producer supplied 1,923,171,000 barrels, or 20.3 percent and Mexico was third with 7.7 percent.

Production in the United States was larger last year than in 1920, the total having been 75,183,000 barrels or 61.7 percent of the world production for 1921 which was 76,505,000 barrels. Mexico's production last year was 193,397,587 barrels, or 25.3 percent.

Petroleum production in the United States increased nearly two billion barrels during October over production in September being larger than any month this or last year, while estimated consumption was almost 3,000,000 barrels more. The statistics for October follow:

Domestic production 47,225,000 barrels compared with 45,291,000 in September.
Imports of mineral crude oil 1,542,355 barrels compared with 1,509,700.
Exports of mineral crude oil 1,163,000 barrels compared with 1,117,000 barrels.

Stocks on last of the month 254,428,000 barrels compared with 278,278,000.

Estimated consumption 52,269,000 barrels compared with 49,249,000.

W. H. MOORE DIES AT RUSH, KY.

Wm. H. Moore, age 58, died Tuesday evening of this week at his home at Rush, Carter county, Ky. He has been incapacitated for several months as the result of a paralytic stroke and his death probably was caused by this trouble.

He leaves a wife and five children. Two boys by the first marriage survive. They are Martin E. of Ashland, and Stanley of Louisa. The last children are two boys and a girl. One brother, Eli, lives near Blaine. The county, W. H. Berry, the Louisa grocer, is a nephew.

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World's Richest Man Is Attracted by Sandy Coal

Final Inspection to be Made at Once by the Famous Automobile Man- ufacturer.

Henry Ford has an option on about 150,000 acres of coal lands in the Big Sandy valley, being nearly all of the holdings of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation.

This includes a number of operations on Beaver creek, mostly in Floyd county. The finest of coking coal underlies a great percentage of the lands.

The price is reported to be about twenty millions, which is not a great sum for Mr. Ford. According to a report recently given out he had \$200,000,000 on deposit in the banks, so he would have a lot of change left after writing a check for twenty millions.

He and a party of engineers and heads of departments are due to make a tour of inspection of the property this week. They will go up Big Sandy in a private car. Messrs. J. W. M. Stewart and John E. Buckinham of Ashland will accompany the party. They have been prominent in the negotiations and have had conferences with Mr. Ford and his department heads both in Ashland and Detroit.

It is believed Mr. Ford will buy this great property because it fits so well into his enterprises. His railroad, the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton, extends from his enormous plant to Ironton. Piers are already in the Ohio river for a bridge that would bring his trains across to Ashland.

It is surmised that his plans include an extension into these coal fields if he buys the lands.

Ashland hopes for great things to happen there if the deal goes through and there are reasonable grounds for the hope.

The Elk Horn Corporation is one of the Jno. C. C. Mayo organizations, in which his estate and Senator C. W. Watson of West Virginia are large stockholders.

The publication of the negotiations is said to have been premature, and the denial which is printed herewith was given out from Detroit. However, matters are said to be progressing.

Mr. Ford's vast enormous amounts of coking coal and bituminous coal and he will get all he will ever want if he buys this property. It is with in easy reach for him. If this deal goes through, it will be by far the largest ever consummated in Kentucky and the result of it is bound to be stupendous. No one can foresee its possibilities.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 23.—The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, reported to have been taken over by Henry Ford, was incorporated in 1918 under the laws of West Virginia and represents a combination of several powerful interests, with an authorized capitalization of \$25,000,000. Under its control by outright ownership, fee, surface or mineral rights were a total of 205,000 acres of coal properties.

These lands are in Pike, Floyd, Knott, Magoffin, Johnson and Letcher counties in Kentucky and in Upshur and Randolph counties, in West Virginia. The company also had controlling interests in several minor fuel-producing concerns.

The last available report of operation of the corporation were to the effect that 22 mines were being operated, 3,000,000 tons of coal annually. The properties of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation included 1,537 miners' dwelling houses at the various mining towns, as well as hotels, office buildings, stores and other buildings and mining equipment necessary for the production of coal.

The principal mining towns on the vast property, several of which would come under Mr. Ford's control, are Fleming, Haymond, Hemphill, Wayland, Garrett and Wheelwright in Kentucky, and Interstate and Ocean in West Virginia.

The property is served by the Louisville and Nashville, Chesapeake and Ohio, Baltimore and Ohio, and Long Fork Railroads. The mining operations are ultra-modern, being conducted with electrical mine locomotives. A large amount of power is developed on the property for general use in the mining operations, approximately thirty miles of 40,000 volt transmission line is on the property, furnishing sufficient electric power for full development of the vast coal area.

Middletown, Ohio, Nov. 23.—Following information that Henry Ford has completed negotiations for purchase of \$20,000,000 worth of coal fields in Kentucky and reports from Ironton, Ohio, that Ford has obtained an option on the A. C. & I. railroad, with the intention of joining it with his D. T. & L. system, officials of the American Rolling Mill Company, who own a controlling interest in the A. C. & I. road, had no comment to make concerning the report.

ed purchase.
George M. Vorty, President of the American Rolling Mill Company, stated that he had no authentic confirmation of Mr. Ford's plan for consolidating the two roads. He stated, however, that no written agreement existed between Ford and the A. C. & I. railway, which is near the coal fields said to have been acquired by Ford.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 23.—"No definite arrangements have been made for the purchase of any coal mines in Kentucky," it was announced here today by William B. Mayo, chief engineer of the Ford Motor Company. Mr. Mayo issued a statement when told of a New York dispatch which stated that negotiations had been entered into between the Ford company and the Elk Horn Coal Company for the purchase of 150,000 acres of coal land in Kentucky.

"We have been looking over properties," Mr. Mayo said, "but when we came to deal with the Board of Directors of the corporation that owns the mines it was found that the board did not have the backing of 60 percent of stockholders necessary to give us an option. Hence the deal was not made."

Mr. Mayo added that no papers had been or could be signed, as no deal had been closed, nor was there any agreement made. Mr. Mayo returned from New York today.

"Since Mr. Ford found it necessary to close down his plant earlier in the fall, the deal has been under way," Mr. Mayo said, "but it is no nearer completion." Mr. Mayo and others of Mr. Ford's staff plan to go to Kentucky next week.

By consummation of the deal, company officials said, the Ford Motor Company hoped to furnish Michigan and the Northwest with a steady supply of coal.

Mrs. H. E. Ferguson Dies After Brief Illness

After an illness of less than a week Mrs. Alice Ferguson, wife of H. E. Ferguson, passed away on last Sunday morning at three o'clock. She had been stricken with paralysis at noon on the Monday previous, the stroke coming while she was at the dinner table. She was conscious only a part of the time afterwards.

Mrs. Ferguson was 73 years of age the 27th of last January. For forty-nine years she and her husband had lived in Louisa in the home in which she died. Her health had not been good for a number of years, but as late as the Saturday before her illness she was able to be on the street.

She is survived by her husband. Also Mrs. T. B. Billups, whom they married, and who was a sister-in-law. She had been in their home since the death of her parents when she was three years old.

On Monday morning the body of Mrs. Ferguson was removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billups where funeral services were held at two o'clock that afternoon. Rev. John Choate had charge of the service, assisted by Rev. T. P. Jernigan and Rev. J. D. Brame who read the scripture lesson and offered prayer.

A union choir furnished the music, using familiar old hymns, favorites of the deceased. The floral tribute from friends was beautiful.

The body was taken to Pine Hill cemetery and laid to rest near the graves of loved ones.

She was the daughter of Nathaniel Davis and Lucinda Buchanan Davis and was the youngest of eight children, six girls and two boys, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Davenport, Hester Ann Davis, Mrs. Sarah Chambers, Mrs. Mary Davis, William, Mrs. Elmer Wilson, James Davis and William Davis. She was the last of the family to pass away.

Alice Matilda Davis was born Jan. 27, 1850, was married to Henry Edwin Ferguson Feb. 11, 1873. Would have been married fifty years the 11th of next February. She had been a member of the church for many years and in her last conscious hours repeated: "I am not afraid. The Lord will take care of his own."

Mother of Prof. Davis Dies at Culbertson

Mrs. F. L. Davis, aged 72, died at her home at Culbertson, Boyd county, on Tuesday of last week. She had been ill about eight months. The sons, C. L. Davis of Buchanan, Mike Davis of Culbertson and Prof. A. C. Davis of Williamson survive. Prof. Davis is superintendent of the Williamson public schools. He attended school here some years ago.

Rev. Campbell had charge of the funeral services which were held on Thursday at the home.

CHANGE OF CARRIERS.

Rev. L. D. Bryan of Fort Gay has resigned as carrier of the Louisa-Fort Gay mail and has gone to Huntington where he has accepted a position in the Watts' Hitter store. Alex McKee of Fort Gay has the contract for carrying the mail.